

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is entered to correct a typographical error in claim 9, whose original version was an improper multiple dependent claim (itself dependent on various multiple dependent claims). This Amendment amends claims 9 to cure that defect, and thus cures the defect inherent in Claim 19, which depends upon Claim 9. Early passage to issue is requested.

A check in the amount of \$54.00 (6 new claims, i.e., from Claims 9 and 19, @ \$9.00/claim) is enclosed. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any additional fees believed due from, or credit any overpayments to, our Deposit Account 11-0223.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT TO SHOW MARKED UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS

9. (Amended) The architecture of [either of claims 6-8] claim 6, further comprising a $y \times 1$ switch or selector, each of whose inputs are connected to a spare port in each of the final stage switch modules.